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SUBJECT: CALL ON PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN OFFICE RE PUERTO RICO AND
HIJACKING AGREEMENT

REF A) STATE 186242

B) STATE 186923

SUMMARY: EMBOFF MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO UNDER-SECRETARY
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JULY 25. ACCORDING TO HIM, GOP HAS SUPPORTED
US ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE IN UN AND IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO
DO SO. IT ALSO SUPPORTS NEW INITIATIVE TO PENALIZE STATES WHO
HARBOR HIJACKERS OF AIRLINERS. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM MADE INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS BARREIRO MAFFIODO JULY 25 AND USED OCCASION TO MAKE POINTS
RE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON PUERTO RICO (REFTEL A) AND TO UNDER-
LINE US CONCERN WITH FAILURE OF SOME STATES TO ENFORCE ANTI-
HIJACKING PRINCIPLES THAT WAS SUBJECT OF BONN SUMMIT DECISION (REFTEL
B).

2. BARREIRO MAFFIODO, WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED FIVE-YEAR TOUR AT THE
UNITED NATIONS, WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF US POSITION ON PUERTO
RICO, SAYING HE WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH CUBAN EFFORT TO BLACKEN US
NAME AS "COLONIAL MASTER" OVER PUERTO RICO. HE ASKED FOR
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A COPY OF THE PROCLAMATION WHEN ISSUED AND WAS ENCOURAGING
ABOUT GOP'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE STRONG OPPOSITION TO
COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-FOUR'S CONSIDERATION OF COLONIALISM CHARGE
RE PUERTO RICO.

3. ON ANTI-HIJACKING ISSUE, UNDER-SECRETARY SAID GOP WAS
STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ALL FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM,

INCLUDING AIRPLANE HIJACKING, AND WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY SUPPORT BONN SUMMIT DECLARATION CONCERNING AIRLINE BOYCOTT OF STATES HARBORING HIJACKERS. BARREIRO MAFFIODO SAID GOP KNOW WHO THESE STATES WERE, PRINCIPALLY LIBYA, IRAQ, ALGERIA, AND YEMEN, BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO TAKE PART IN AIRLINE BOYCOTT AGAINST SUCH DISTANT OFFENDERS. NOTING ALGERIA IS MAIN SOURCE OF REFINED PETROLEUM FOR PARAGUAY, HE COMMENTED THAT OIL HOLDINGS OF MAJOR OFFENDING STATES MIGHT MAKE AIRLINE BOYCOTT DIFFICULT MEASURE FOR MANY COUNTRIES TO TAKE. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, HE WAS SUPPORTIVE OF BONN DECLARATION AND REAFFIRMED PARAGUAY'S INTENTION TO ABIDE BY HAUKE CONVENTION TO WHICH IT ALREADY SUBSCRIBES.

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